

HOW PARCEL POST RATES ARE FIXED

Charges Are Regulated Under the Zone System.

BIG ENTERPRISE LAUNCHED

Eleven Pounds Is the Limit in Weight for a Single Package-Anything That Will Not Injure Other Mail Can Be Sent.

By EDWARD B. CLARK, With the coming of the New Year

the United States government will enter into a new field of enterprisethe transmittal of merchandise by what is known as the parcel post. wor years there has been a demand for such a system of inexpensive transmittal of packages. The campa of favor and disfavor of the parcel post scheme have been about equally divided. Finally at the last session of congress a bill was passed which will put the plan into operation, but only it must be said in little more than an experimental way.

It is the intention of Uncle Sam to move rather slowly in the parcel post matter. He wants to find how popu-Iar it will be, how much it will cost the government, and whether there is to be a profit or loss at the end of will adopt a means of transportation each year. If it is found that the for certain kinds of its merchandise government also, the parcel post will abroad. What the English call hambe extended until finally it reaches the proportions which its proponents say they believe it is destined to as- be kept separate from the ordinary

Zone System Explained. It is no exaggeration to say that thousands upon thousands of inquirles have been made of the postmaster ral as to just what the parcel will mean to the people. It:was law of congress establishing the m which made provision for a on of the country into zones

ones. There has been no clear mone system, but really it is a very simple matter.

The accompanying map shows the in which Washington is sitmap is a table showing the rate ngton to places within all the

unit contains an area thirty

from which the zones are and so every unit in the counones drawn from it just exactly shington has them drawn from r instance, take Keokuk, Ia., in a unit in the fifth zone. that will be drawn circles exactly as they are drawn from Washington and they will be numbered from Keokuk as number one, just as they are numbered from Washington as number one. Of course, however, Zone Six will have a different geographical position as related to Keokuk than it has as related to Washnaton, but as the radius of the circles irawn from Keokuk is the same ength as the radius of the circles distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable frawn from Washington, Keokuk's at the pound rate as shown by the following table, and when malled one Six will be just as far from its

How Rates Are Fixed. It can be seen from this readily enough that the postal rates from Washington to its particular zone will Lbs. he the same as the postal rates from Keekuk to its particular zones. Each unit being about thirty miles square will of course contain in most cases a mber of postoffices, but each office the same unit is considered as beg the center of the circles from hich the zones are drawn. The tes of postage are fixed from the it in which the sending postoffice is uated, but the price to every place any zone is just the same. To iltrate, it will cost exactly the same ount to send a parcel from Washon to Erie, Pa., that it costs to 11 ---It to Atlanta, Ga., because Erie Manta with reference to Washare situated in the fourth | Zone see the Parcel Post Guide.

enter as Washington's Zone Six is.

zone. The rates therefore are fixed the unit in which his postoffice lies from the unit in which the postoffice to the zone of the package's destinais located, but they are the same tions, the price as has been explained from that office to any point in any before, to every postoffice in any one

cost more per pound to send a pack third-class designation. Therefore age a long distance than it does to books cannot be sent by the parcel send it a short distance. The rate in- post system. This the postoffice aucreases for a package weighing one thorities seem to think is in a way pound at the rate of one cent for unjust and may work a hardship. It each zone. No package weighing may be that in the future the law will more than 11 pounds can be sent un- be changed so as to include all printder the new parcel post law. It ed matter. It seems to be certain that should be said right here that on the an attempt will be made to bring long hauls the parcel post may not about this change as speedily as pos be able to compete with the express sible. companies, but that on shorter hauls Postmaster General Hitchcock has It can so compete. It was the exportered that postmasters be advised pressed desire of the legislators and that parcel post packages cannot be of the postoffice officials that the par- accepted for mailing unless they bear cel post system should be made of a distinctive parcel post stamp and particular use to persons having farm have attached to them the return card and factory products to transmit to of the sender. A series of distinctive customers. It is probable that pro- stamps is now in course of preparaducers must study the rates of post- tion for this class of mail as required age and the convenience of trans- by the law creating the parcel post mittal and compare them with the system. Consignments of these, cost and convenience under present stamps will be ready for shipment to methods before individually a man can all postoffices in ample time for the determine whether he is to profit or establishment of the new system on not by the change. Then there is an New Year's day. other thing to be considered and The postoffice department has given which only can be known definitely instruction to every postmaster in the when fuller regulations have been country to enlighten his patrons as made to specify exactly what kind of much as possible on the general subthings can be sent by parcel post. It ject of the parcel post and especially can be said in a general way that any. on the use of the special stamps and thing can be sent which is properly the necessary attachment of the rewrapped and which will not injure turn card. The law requires that all other mail matter with which it may fourth-class matter mailed a ter Jan-

come in contact. Copy Foreign Countries. It is probable that the government ably will be adopted, and as these can mail matter it is believed that the regulations as finally adopted will al-

designated by the postmasters.

laws and regulations.

thereof."

RATES OF POSTAGE

at this rate any fraction of a pound is considered a full pound.

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zone zone

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*For a full explanation of the rates of postage in the First

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Rate on Seeds Not Affected.

low the sending of eggs, butter, dressed poultry, live poultry, honey, fruit, and other products of the country. The 11-pound limit for a single package may work at first against any very extended use of the parcel post for some of the articles, which have been named. Of course more weight nto 35,000 units which are to be can be sent if it is sent in different as centers in describing the cir- parcels, but the cost in that case general shall find on experience "that would be heavier because the inwhich mark the boundaries of crease per pound on a single package prevent the shipment of articles deunderstanding, apparently, of this is not great up to 11 pounds, and probably it would increase at no greater rate if the government were to raise the limit of weight which is now he is hereby authorized, subject to the untry divided into zones from the fixed. To make it simpler, it will consent of the interstate commerce cost more to send two packages of 11 commission after investigation, to reed, as the center. Accompanying pounds than it would to send one form from time to time such classifipackage of 22 pounds if the governstage per pound for parcels from ment eventually should allow a heavier single package to be carried and mote the service to the public or to

pounds weight. square. Now each unit is a Every postmaster in the United States will have a parcel post map bers of the house and senate have matter where it is situated will like the one which is here reproduced been interested in promoting parcel except that the zone lines will be post legislation. Among the men most shown with the unit of his postoffice active in securing the legislation as a center. All that a postmaster which soon is to go into effect as will have to do when a parcel is pre- law are Senator Jonathan Bourne of sented for transportation is to find Oregon, Representatives David J. out in what zone the destination of Lewis of Maryland and William Sulthe package lies. His table will show | zer of New York, who has just been him instantly the rate per pound from | elected governor of that state,

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Local Zone zone

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zone being the same. The parcel post It will be seen by reference to the will take nothing but fourth-class mattable of rates of postage that it will ter. Printed matter is still in the

ulations Governing System.

Gives American People Opportunity to Send Farm and Factory Products by Mail From and to Any Point in United States.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has just approved the regulations which over in detail the articles which may or may not be sent by parcel post These regulations are now being turned off at the government printing office on a "rush order" and they will

The rules as to what can be sent and what cannot be sent and the instructions for the preparation of mailable articles with other "official advice" are given here as they have just been prepared by the postoffice de-

uary 1, 1913, without parcel post stamps attached shall be treated as cents for the first pound and one cent "Held for postage" matter. Parcel for additional pound, applies to all post packages will be mailable only parcels the delivery of which does not at postoffices, branch postoffices, let- involve their transportation on railplan is successful from the point of much like those which have been tered and local named stations, and way lines. The rates increase for view of the people, which means the adopted in parcel post countries such numbered stations as may be each successive one of the eight zones. a pound, which will carry a parce It should be said that the act of congress which puts a parcel post plan into operation does not in any way feet in length and girth combined. affect the postage rate on seeds, cut-

Mailable Perishable Articles. tings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants as fixed by section 482 of the postal such as fish, fresh meats, dressed The classification of articles mailfowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and articles of a similar nature that decay able as well as the weight limit the quickly, when so packed or wrapped rates of postage, zone or zones and as to prevent damage to other mail other conditions of mailability under matter, will be accepted for local dethe act of congress, if the postmaster livery either at the office of mailing or on any rural route starting therefrom they or any of them are such as to When inclosed in an inner cover and a strong outer cover of wood, metsirable, or shall permanently render the cost of the service greater than al, heavy corrugated pasteboard or the receipts of the revenue therefrom. so that nothing can escape from the package, they will be accepted for mailing to any offices within the first zone or within a radius of 50 miles. Butter, lard, or any greasy cation, weight limit, rates, zone or or oily substance intended for delivzones or conditions, in order to proery at offices beyond the first zone should charge in proportion just what insure the receipt of revenue from and fruit that do not decay quickly it does now for one package of 11 such service adequate to pay the cost will be accepted for mailing to any zone if packed so as to prevent dam-Through many years different memaccepted for local delivery when secontainer. Eggs will be accepted for

> packed in a container, There is no restriction on salted, dried, smoked or cured meats and other meat products, but fresh meat in any form will be transported only

within the first zone, Parcels containing perishable articles must be marked "PERISHABLE," and articles likely to spoil within the Parcels weighing four ounces or less are mailable at the rate time reasonably required for transportation and delivery will not be acof one cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of

> Manufactured Articles, Manufacturers or dealers intending to transmit articles in considerable quantities are asked to submit to the

> postmaster for approval a specimen

the first, second, and third classes, In' Powders, pepper, snuff, or other and when used for that purpose, the similar pulverized dry substance, not matter to which they are affixed shall cape of any of the contexts. Flour ing guides, are to be sold to the pubof all kinds must be put up in such lic at their cost, 75 cents, through the manner as to prevent the package chief clerk of the post office departbreaking or the flour being scattered ment. In ordering maps care

Queen Bees and Nursery Stock, Queen bees, live isects, and dried are to be determined.

reptiles may be mailed in accordance with the regulations that now apply to

Seeds of fruit, nursery stock, and all

other plant products for preparation may be mailed under the same con-

Confectionary and Scap.

closed in boxes and so wrapped as to prevent injury to other mail mat-

Millinery.

Unmaliable Matter.

a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory, or

threatening character. All such mat-

ter, when deposited in a post office or

found in the malls, shall be withdrawn

and sent to the divisions of dead let

Materials.

chines, and mechanical, chemical or

clai articles; compositions or mate-

damage the mail or other property.

Pistols, Animals and Birds.

Pistols or revolvers, whether in de-

or poultry, except as elsewhere pro-

ded; raw hides or pelts, guano, or

any article having a bad odor will

Treatment of Undeliverable Parcels.

ns promptly as possible, but if such

matter can not be delivered and be-

comes offensive and injurious to

health, postmasters may destroy it, or

the injurious or offensive portion

for mailing parcels not properly in-

When parcels on which the postage

dersed or packed for safe shipment

is wholly unpaid or insufficiently pre-

and the sender is unknown, notice of

detention need not be sent but such

matter will be delivered and the defi-

clent postage collected from the ad-

dressee by the carrier. If the ad-

dressee refuses to pay the postage

the matter will be sent to the Di-

Insurance on Parcels

postage is fully prepaid may be in-

sured against loss in an amount equiv-

alent to its actual value, but not to

exceed \$50, on payment of a fee of

ten cents in parcel post stamps, such

Forwarding of Parcels.

Parcels may be remailed or for

warded on the payment of additional

postage at the rate which would be

chargeable if they were originally

mailed at the forwarding off-ce, in

which case the necessary stames will

be affixed by the forwarding portmas-

ter. Payment must be made every

Preparation for Mailing.

Parcels must be prepared for Pantle

ing in such manner that the contents

can be easily examined. A parcel will

not be accepted for malling unless it

bears the name and address of the

sender preceded by the word "From."

of the sender, which is required, it

will be permissible to write or print

on the covering of a parcel, or on a

tag or label attached to it, the occu-

pation of the sender, and to indicate

in a small space by means of marks,

letters, numbers, names of other brief

description, the character of the par-

cel, but ample space must be left on

in legible characters and for the ne-

such as "Merry Christma"," "Please

do not open until Christmas," "Happy

New Year," "With best wishes," and

the like, may be placed on the cover-

ing of the parcel in such manner as

Distinctive Stamps.

The law requires that the postage

on all matter must be prepaid by

distinctive parcel post stamps affixed.

Postmasters cannot receive for mail-

Parcel post stamps are not valld for

the payment of postage on matter of

be treated as "Held for postage."

Maps and Guldes.

Parcel post maps, with accompany

should be taken to specify the post

office from which the postage rates

Coward,

him a liar yesterday and he never

even answered me.

Jack-What did be do?

Mack-Jones is a coward. I called

Mack-He hung up the receiver and

not to interfere with the address.

In addition to the name and address

time the parcel is forwarded.

A mailable parcel on which the

vision of Dead Letters.

stamps to be affixed.

Perishable matter will be delivered

not be admitted to the mails.

thereof.

ed or labeled "FRAGILE"

mallable by law;

Candles, confectionery, yeast cakes, soap in hard cakes, etc., must be in-

other clauses of mail,

ditions.

wrapped.

Postmaster General Issues Reg-

WHAT MAY BE SENT BY MAIL

be distributed as rapidly as possible.

partment in Washington.

The minimum rate will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding fifty miles from the office of mailing; the local rate, which is five the maximum rate being twelve cents across the continent or to any of our possessions. Parcels will be limited to eleven pounds in weight and six

Butter, lard and perishable articles other suitable material and wrapped must be suitably packed. Vegetables age to other mail matter. Eggs will be curely packed in a basket or other mailing regardless of distance when each egg is wrapped separately and

cepted for mailing.

parcel showing the manner of packzone When sharp pointed instruments are offered for mailing, the points must be capped or encased. Blades must be ing parcels that do not bear such bound so that they will remain at stamps. .36 tached to each other or within their

handles or sockets. similar powders not explosive, or any poisonous, may be sent when inclosed in cases made of metal, wood or other material to render impossible the esn the mails.

SELECTION OF THE HEAD OF SWINE HERD REQUIRES MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

Future Usefulness and Development of Offspring Demand Thought and Good Judgment at Mating Period-No Trouble to Secure Two Litters in One Year if Care Is Exercised.



Grand Champion Improved Chester White Boar.

ful consideration must be exer | twenty-first day after breeding, and when selecting a boar for a herd if necessary turn her with the boar vs. The future usefulness and aguin. ntoxicants, Poisons and Inflammable | th-Spirituous, vinous, maited, ferment. No :: al Stockman. We cannot al duce good speciments for generations, ed, or other intoxicating liquors of any | ford to use a serub or a pedigreed | coupled with good individuality of kind; poisons of every kind, and arti- run; under any consideration. Re- the breed represented, make his

natured alcohol, etc.), infernal ma- viate a year of disappointment. A litter of eight good pigs from a standpoint; other devices or compositions which pure-bred bear mated with a choice | High-priced bears with popular

may ignite of explode; disease germs sow will require less feed, and when ancestry in the pedigrees must comor scabs, and other natural or artif- grown will produce 50 pounds of pensate their owners by producing meat per pig more than scrubby ones, for them pigs superior to former genrials of whatever kind which may thus making 400 pounds of additional crations. A boar may be sure kill, or in any wise injure another or meat without additional expense. Our breeder for one person, and prove a experience shows that a sow that total failure the way another man grows eight pigs to maturity twice a might feed and care for him. Never year is a more profitable sow than allow him to run at large with the ached parts or otherwise; live or one that produces more pigs and fails sows. Have an individual pen and dend (and not stuffed) animals, birds, to develop them.

for eight, and when they are allowed wants at least six months ahead of out having any setback. The sow can | use, and then take what you can getproper attention. Watch her on the and individuality,

pment of his offspring requires The popularity of the boar's an

at and good judgment at the cestors on both the paternal and the T period, says R. H. Stone in maternal side, their ability to reprocles and compositions containing pol- men her there are about 2,000 pigs in value. He must be a strong, vigorous son, ponsonous animals, insects and the first ten generations, and it is fellow, active, of good size and good reptiles; explosives of every kind; in- essectial to develop them along pro- disposition. Pay a price he is worth flammable materials (which are held fital e lines. One day spent at mat to you, used in your herd. Any boar to include matches, kerosene oil, gago ing period, regardless of distances, to is high priced regardless of what you line, naphtha, benzine, turpentine, de- find a good pure-bred boar will ob- pay for him if he cannot make good on a business basis from a breeder's

yard for him.

Usually the sow has sufficient milk | A good herdsman appreciates his to suckle six to eight weeks the pigs time. It is poor policy to defer buying are in prime condition to wean with until you want a boar for immediate generally be bred successfully on the When you know you must renew third day after weaning, and it is no be on the lookout for a few months trouble to have her produce two lit- ahead, and then you can buy one to ters per year if you give her the your satisfaction, both as to price

Postmasters will refuse to receive AVERAGE QUALITY OF OUR HORSES

Mare Owners Should Appreciate Value of Regularity in Care of paid is deposited for local delivery Value of Pure-Bred Stallions in Breeding.

(By C. W. M'CAMPBELL, Kansas.)

Improvement in the average quality of our horses rests with the mare owners and the sooner they come to realtze and appreciate the value of, and to demand the services of, good, sound. pure-bred stallions, the more certainly and rapidly will the general average of our horses be improved. It is the intensified inheritance resulting from many generations of breeding the best to the best, using no outcrosses, and always with the same ideal and purpose in mind, that enable the "purebred" to stamp his characters upon his off-springs. The "grade" with two, three or four topcrosses lacks this intensified inheritance of characters and his diversified inheritance precludes. his use as a sire. These are facts, not theories. Practical illustrations may be seen on every hand if we will simply allow ourselves to see them. As an illustration, at a recent farm sale, colts rising trree, uniform in quality, ready to do considerable work the coming season, sold at an average of \$76 a head. Colts rising two, averaged \$46. The sires of these colts were ordinary grade stallions whose service fees ranged from \$6 to \$9. Weanlings PLANTING FRUIT from the same mares but from a very excellent pure-bred stallion standing for \$15, sold for \$101, this being \$25 per head more than rising three-yearolds brought, due entirely to the influence of a good, sound, pure-bred sire. The service of a grade or scrub the address side for the full address stallion is expensive even if given free of charge. On the other hand, do not cessary postage stamps. Inscriptions breed to a stallion simply because he happens to be registered. .

Beware of stallions that are hereditarily unsound, for it is just as unprofitable to raise unsound horses as it is to raise scrub horses. You may ask what is meant when certain unness of the part involved and that this or all of the following conditions: poor conformation, poor quality of tissue, or an indifferent quality of

Grease Is Rabbit-Repellant. It is not advisable to put axle grease thin boods or screens.

Largest Hog in World. What is believed to be the largest hog in the world is owned by J. R. Robinson, who lives near Bowling Green, Missouri. It weighs 1,100 pounds and is nine feet from tip to tip. Stockmen who have seen it say It has no equal.

Sheep in Australia. Recent official figures placed the number of sheep in Australia and New Zealand in excess of 117,000,-000, the greatest number in eighteen

FEEDING SHEEP DURING WINTER

Animals Demonstrated by Experiments.

Sheep should be fed regularly in the winter. In fact, as much depends on the regularity of feeding as on the feeding itself. Those who are familfar with the characteristics of sheep know that they always become restless about feeding time.

The value of regular feeding has been demonstrated by experiments with two flocks, at a certain western agricultural experiment station. One was fed daily at six o'clock in the morning and again in the evening, while the other was fed at different times during the day. The result was that the flock fed regularly turned out in a thrifty condition in the following spring, while the others were thin and sickly,

Many of the latter flock had died during the winter, fully eight per cent. of the lambs had either died at birth or made only a stunted growth. By feeding at a set time every morning and evening better results will be attained. The essentials in the winter care of sheep are regular feeding, plenty of water and salt and rough-

SEEDS IN FALL

Will Freeze Sufficiently During Winter to Cause Them to Sprout in Spring.

(By W. L. HOWARD.)

Large seeds like peaches and plums may be planted in the fall, and they will freeze sufficiently during the winter to cause them to sprout readily in the spring. Small seeds like the apple, soundnesses are designated as heredi- grape, etc., should be mixed with sand tary. It means that such unsound. In the fall or early winter, and placed nesses are due primarily to a weak. in a shallow, open box. The box should be set flat on the ground on weakness may be in the form of one the north side of a building where it will keep moist and remain there all winter to freeze and thaw as open as it will. The contents of the box should never be allowed to dry out. Very early in the spring, just as soon as the soil in the garden will do to work, the seeds should be planted in on fruit trees in order to prevent rows and covered very lightly. The rabbits and rodents from gnawing seeds may be separated from the them. A little grease might not do sand with a sieve, but this is unnecesany damage, while too much might eary, as sand and all may be sown in niure the trees. Where the climate the row. Take care that the seeds do ermits some green crop, such as not become dry before they are plantoats, rye or wheat will tempt the rab ed. Apple seeds begin growing very The trees can also be protected early, so that care must be taken to by wrapping them with old paper, get them in the ground before sprout ing begins.

> Keeping Celery. Celery may be kept well into History ter by taking up a good ball of early with the roots. Set in boxes in the cellar and keep the roots moist.

Filter for Sewage,

Experiments in France show that ordinary sod makes an efficient fifter for sewage

Horses In Paris. The number of horses in Paris has decreased nearly 16,000 the last decade.

Breaking It Gently. hom have you there in tow?" his is Rip Van Winkle. He just

Why guard him so carefully?" ell, we're letting him see the n's styles gradually, don't you in such a hurry. -Louisville Courier-Journal.

Personal Interest. as the ordinary, every-day concerned one pound of per- his convictions?" "That he has opininterest will outweigh a ton of jons, but isn't willing to bet money on

Why He Left.

They were discussing a play.

talking, she said Then she wondered why he seemed near.

When Money Talks. "Pa, what does it mean when you say that a man hasn't the courage of ma.

them."-Detroit Free Press.

Just Had to Do It. Mother, overhearing a quarrel, call-"The play was as dry and uninter- ed her four-year-old in from the sideesting as you and me standing here walk and forbade him to go outdoors Blanche send back your letters? again while the other children were

"But I must go out there again, mamma(fust for a minute!" an nounced the child, earnestly. "Why must you, dear?" asked mam-

"Because" was the fervid answer, ease. Nerve is the thing "they hit me an' hurt me, an' I just ables him to tackle it gotter go out there an' dead 'em!" ... scared to death ... Dr.

Good for Next Edition. Jack-Now that your engagement is broken, are you going to make

Harry-You bet I am. I worked hard thinking out those letters; they're worth using again.

Courage and Nerve. Courage is the thing which enables, a man to tackle a hard task

World's Meanest Man. st heard of the world's Let doesn't like his g, by fillse it to